

Ramsar Information Sheet

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IndiaSultanpur National Park



Designation date 25 May 2021 Site number 2457

Coordinates 28°27'54"N 76°53'31"E

Area 142,52 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

Note that some fields concerning aspects of Part 3, the Ecological Character Description of the RIS (tinted in purple), are not expected to be completed as part of a standard RIS, but are included for completeness so as to provide the requested consistency between the RIS and the format of a 'full' Ecological Character Description, as adopted in Resolution X.15 (2008). If a Contracting Party does have information available that is relevant to these fields (for example from a national format Ecological Character Description) it may, if it wishes to, include information in these additional fields.

1 - Summary

Summary

Sultanpur National Park in Gurugram district of Haryana occupies an area of 142.52 ha. It is located just off Gurugram-Farrukhnagar road, 45 km southwest of Delhi. The wetland forms the core area of the National Park. This shallow wetland is fed by the overflow from neighbouring canals and agricultural fields, and is replenished by saline groundwater. The wetland is famous for both its migratory and resident birds. Migratory bird species reach the wetland after covering incredible distance, escaping the cold and harsh weather conditions of their breeding grounds and use Sultanpur National Park as a stopover/resting ground. The wetland has seasonal aquatic vegetation and open grasslands, dotted with artificial islands planted with Acacia nilotica. Sultanpur National Park now has a 1.37 m perimeter wall with 1.98 m of iron chain link on the top. The cultivated areas are outside the National Park and the wall prevents any encroachments. There are small areas of Typha and Phragmites around the wetland, and some emergent vegetation within the wetland, particularly in the core area. Extensive marshes covered with sedge, to the north of the main wetland, form a mosaic with areas of dry grassland. The natural vegetation of the region is semi-arid scrub, while 78% of the buffer zone is under cultivation. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide their Notification dated 27-01-2010 declared an area of 5 km around the park as an eco-sensitive zone. The wetland harbours a variety of lifeforms including plants (over 150 species), insects, birds (about 300 species), fishes, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Among them are some globally threatened species such as the critically endangered sociable lapwing; the endangered Egyptian vulture and saker falcon; and the vulnerable lesser white-fronted goose and common pochard.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

Responsible compiler

Institution/agency Forest and Wildlife Department, Government of Haryana

1. Office of the Additional PCCF & CWLW, Haryana, Plot no. C-18, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana – 134109

2. Forest Complex, Sohna Road, Gurugram, Haryana

National Ramsar Administrative Authority

Institution/agency Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Postal address Office of the Additional Secretary (Wetlands), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003

2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 2017

To year 2020

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)

Sultanpur National Park

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Boundaries description

The wetland boundary is the same as the boundary of the National Park. The wetland lies between 28°27'14" to 28°28'15" North latitude and between 76°52'50" to 76°54'2" East longitude. Sultanpur National Park is bounded by Sultanpur village in the West, Chandu village in the East, Sadhrana village in South East and Kaliwas in the North. An area of up to five kilometers from the boundary of the protected area of Sultanpur National Park located between 28° 24′ 00" to 29° 32′ 00" North latitude and between 76° 48′ 00" to 76° 58′ 00" East longitude has been declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?

Gurugram, Haryana

b) What is the nearest town or population centre? Gurugram

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O No ©

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party?

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 142.52

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries

143.296

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(Biogeographic region
Freshwater Ecoregions of the World (FEOW)	f Ganges Delta & Plain

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

According to Rodgers and Panwar (1987) classification, the wetland falls within semi-arid biogeographic zone.

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

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- ☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities
- ☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions
- ☑ Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers	45498
Start year	2018
Source of data:	Annual Waterbird Census Data, Haryana Forest Department

☑ Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under	Spec contril under c	cies butes riterior	Pop.	Period of pop. Est.	%	IUCN	CITES	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds												
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas acuta				14564	2014-2020		LC				Crit 5
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CHORDATA / AVES	Anser indicus				3977	2018-2020	7.1	LC				Crit 4: Migration Crit 6: 1 % threshold for C, S & SE Asia is 560 as of 2012.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aquila clanga)						Vulnerable as per IUCN Red List	Crit 4: Migration
CHORDATA / AVES	Aquila hastata	Ø000]						Vulnerable as per IUCN Red List	

Phylum	Scientific name	Species contributes under criterion 2 4 6 9 3 5 7 8	Period of pop. Est. occurren	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
AVES	Aquila heliaca			W	/	/		Crit 4: Migration
AVES	Aythya ferina			W				Crit 4: Migration
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya nyroca			NT		/		Crit 4: Migration
AVES	Ciconia episcopus	Ø0000		W				
AVES	Falco cherrug			EN				Crit 4: Migration
CHORDATA / AVES	Ficedula subrubra	Ø000000		W				
AVES	Grus antigone						Vulnerable as per IUCN Red List	
AVES	leucoryphus	Ø000000		EN				
CHORDATA / AVES	javanicus			W				
AVES	percnopterus	Ø000000		EN		/		
CHORDATA / AVES	Saxicola macrorhynchus	Ø000000		W				
CHORDATA / AVES	Sterna acuticauda	Ø000000		EN				
CHORDATA / AVES	Vanellus gregarius	ØØ00000		CR				Crit 4: Migration

¹⁾ Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

Sultanpur National Park has seasonal aquatic vegetation and open grasslands, dotted with artificial islands planted with Acacia nilotica. Cultivated fields and pastures exist outside Sultanpur National Park. There are small areas of Typha and Phragmites around the wetland and some emergent vegetation within the wetland, particularly in the core area. Extensive marshes covered with sedge, to the north of the lake, form a mosaic with areas of dry grassland. The natural vegetation of the region is semi-arid scrub, while 78% of the buffer zone is under cultivation. The core area of Sultanpur National Park is almost flat. However, the buffer zone is scattered with sand dune patches. Some mounds have artificially been made to facilitate the flocking of birds. The wetland falls in the Central Asian Migratory Flyway and teems with thousands of waterbirds in winter from Central Asia and Western Palearctic region. A total of at least 223 species belonging to 17 taxonomic orders were recorded in 2014-2016, which include 55% resident, 38% winter migratory and 7% local migratory species (Banerjee and Prakash, 2016). The sand dunes are seen in the vicinity of the core area which get eroded by air and water resulting in siltation. The natural slope for water run off in the core and buffer area is from South to North. The major area of the wetland comprises of vast alluvial and sandy tracts of recent to sub-recent age. The alluvium found here is of khadar type which is light coloured and is rich in concretions and nodules of impure calcium carbonate known as kankar. The climate of this area is hot tropical to subtropical characterized by high temperature and drought condition for the greater part of the year. The highest day temperature recorded during the last 20 years was 47.5°C. December and January are the coldest months. The lowest ever recorded temperature was as low as -4.7°C during December 1972 at Gurgaon. South west monsoons are the main source of rainfall and occur between the months of July and lasts until September. Rainfall distribution is uneven and erratic. Good rainfall occurs once in 4-5 years. The average rainfall is about 605 mm. Relative humidity remains maximum during the month of August (as high as 82%) when temperatures as well as wind speed remain low.

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Inland wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> P: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater lakes		1	142.52	

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Azadirachta indica	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ficus microcarpa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Vachellia nilotica	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Vachellia tortilis	

Invasive alien plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Prosopis juliflora	Actual (minor impacts)

Optional text box to provide further information

Checklist of flora has been uploaded under section 6.1.2 i.

4.3.2 - Animal species

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4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
B: Dry climate	BSh: Subtropical steppe (Low-latitude dry)

Prevailing climate of this area is hot tropical to subtropical characterized by high temperature and drought condition for the greater part of the year. May and June are the hottest months while December and January are the coldest months. South west monsoons are the main source of rainfall with the average rainfall being 605 mm. The rainfall distribution is however uneven and erratic. Rains start from July and lasts up to September. The relative humidity remains maximum during the month of August (as high as 82%) when temperature and wind speed remain low.

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		line (30-40 g/l) □
	Hyperhaline/Hypers	_
		Unknown 🗆
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		Mesotrophic
		Oligotrophic
		Dystrophic
		Unknown ☑
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Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	Medium

Examples

Importance/Extent/Significance

Within the site: 1000s

Ecosystem service

Outside the site:	1000s
Have studies or assessments been made of ecosystem services prov	the economic valuation of Yes O No Unknown O ided by this Ramsar Site?
.5.2 - Social and cultural values	
i) the site provides a model of wetland wis application of traditional knowledge and met use that maintain the ecologic	hods of management and
ii) the site has exceptional cultural trad civilizations that have influenced the ecologic	
iii) the ecological character of the wetland with local communiti	depends on its interaction as or indigenous peoples
iv) relevant non-material values such as sac their existence is strongly linked with the main	
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4.6 - Ecological processes

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5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Provincial/region/state		
government	(ac.)	

5.1.2 - Management authority

agency or organization responsible for	Forest and Wildlife Department, Government of Haryana
managing the site:	
Provide the name and/or title of the person people with responsibility for the wetland:	Divisional Wildlife Officer, Gurugram
Postal address:	Forest Complex, Sohna Road, Gurugram, Haryana
E-mail address:	dwloggn@gmail.com

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Human settlements (non agricultural)

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Housing and urban areas		Medium impact		✓

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Drainage	Medium impact			₽

Energy production and mining

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Mining and quarrying		Low impact		₽

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact		 ✓	

Invasive and other problematic species and genes

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Invasive non-native/ alien species		Medium impact	₹	

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Agricultural and forestry effluents		Medium impact		✓

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
National Park	Sultanpur National Park		whole

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Sultanpur National Park	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/sultanpur-national-p ark-iba- india	whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve
Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation $\hfill\Box$ of specific natural features
IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly $\hfill\Box$ for conservation through management intervention
V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

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5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

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Measures	Status	
Legal protection	Implemented	

Habitat

Measures	Status		
Improvement of water quality	Proposed		
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Proposed		

Species

Measures	Status
Control of invasive alien plants	Partially implemented

Human Activities

Tidifidity business		
Measures	Status	
Regulation/management of wastes	Implemented	
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented	
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented	

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? No

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes O No ●

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning Yes ○ No ● processes with another Contracting Party?

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No need identified

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

RIS for Site no. 2457, Sultanpur National Park, India

Monitoring	Status
Birds	Implemented
Plant species	Implemented
Water quality	Implemented
Animal species (please specify)	Implemented

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

Birdlife International (2001) Threatened Birds of Asia: The Birdlife International Red Data Book. Birdlife International, Cambridge, U. K. Harvey, B. (2003) Sultanpur Checklist. Unpublished.

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6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

<no file available>

vi. other published literature

<no file available>

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Baya Weaver at Sultanpur National Park (Harvana



Landscape view of Sultanpur National Park (Haryana Forest Departri 24-02-2020)



Shorebird at Sultanour (Haryana Forest Depart 24-02-2020)



Jungle Cat at Sultanpur (Haryana Forest Department, 24-02-2020)



Greater Flamingos at Sultanpur (Haryana Forest Department, 24-02-2020)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 2021-05-25